

OMAHA NEBRASKA STAKE

NEWSLETTER

March 2025

"Brothers and sisters, now is the time for you and for me to prepare for the Second Coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Now is the time for us to make our discipleship our highest priority. In a world filled with dizzying distractions, how can we do this?

Regular worship in the temple will help us. In the house of the Lord, we focus on Jesus Christ. We learn of Him. We make covenants to follow Him. We come to know Him. As we keep our temple covenants, we gain greater access to the Lord's strengthening power. In the temple, we receive protection from the buffetings of the world. We experience the pure love of Jesus Christ and our Heavenly Father in great abundance! We feel peace and spiritual reassurance, in contrast to the turbulence of the world.

Here is my promise to you: Every sincere seeker of Jesus Christ will find Him in the temple. You will feel His mercy. You will find answers to your most vexing questions. You will better comprehend the joy of His gospel."

President Russell M. Nelson
*The Lord Jesus Christ Will Come Again,
October 2024*



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Sunday, March 1

- Mission Prep Class, Stake Center, 4 pm

Wednesday, March 5

- Young Women Camp Kick-off, Stake Center, 7 pm

Thursday, March 6 - Saturday, March 8

- Roots Tech Family History Conference, see page 14

Saturday, March 8

- Stake Youth Activity, all youth, Stake Center, 3:00 - 5:00 pm.

Sunday, March 9

- Winter Quarters YSA Ward Conference
- Mission Prep Class, Stake Center, 4 pm
- Why I Believe Fireside, Trail Center, 7 pm

Saturday, March 15

- Stake Conference, Leadership Session, 3 - 4:30 pm, Stake Center
- Stake Conference, Adult Session, 7 - 8:30 pm, Stake Center

Sunday, March 16

- Stake Conference, 10 am, Stake Center
- SLYC Meeting, Stake Center, 3 pm
- Mission Prep Class, Stake Center, 4 pm
- Worldwide Relief Society Devotional, 6 pm

Sunday, March 23

- Mission Prep Class, Stake Center, 4 pm

Sunday, March 30

- Mission Prep Class, Stake Center, 4 pm

2025 OMAHA NEBRASKA STAKE VISION

CHOOSE *Him*

JOIN *Him*

REJOICE WITH *Him*

I gave unto them their knowledge...[and] agency. And unto thy brethren have I said, and also given commandment, that they should love one another, and that they should choose me, their father.

Moses 7: 32-33



Choosing to follow Jesus Christ and live as His disciple is not a one-time choice. Every day we choose to let God prevail in our lives as we choose Him over competing choices or distractions.

What choices can you make today that will show increased love towards God, His Son Jesus Christ, and others?

Follow me, and do the things which ye have seen me do.

2 Nephi 31:12



As disciples of Jesus Christ, He encourages us to follow Him and labor with Him in His vineyard. When we do so, we become more like Him, and we help others come unto Him. We can abide in His presence more fully and join Him in God's work of salvation and exaltation.

We invite all stake members to

- Have daily experiences worshipping the Lord and studying His gospel.
- "[Worship] in the temple as regularly as your circumstances permit."
- Commit yourself to 1) pray for your ministering families by name every day and 2) have a ministering interview with your RS or EQ presidency quarterly.

And blessed art thou; for because ye have been diligent in laboring with me in my vineyard... behold ye shall have joy with me.

Jacob 5:75



Our Savior Jesus Christ rejoices in His Father's plan. He rejoices in our repentance, and in our service. He rejoices in our sacrifice and consecration. We can share in that same joy *with* Him.

What can you do that would allow you to feel more powerfully this joy that is available to you?

Join Us For

All Youth Pre-FSY Activity



Group Games
Line Dancing
Devotionals
Refreshments



Saturday, March 8
2025 | 3 - 4:30 pm

Slideshow,
Highlights of FSY,
Frequently Asked
Questions

Omaha Stake Center
14680 California Street

YW KICK-OFF MARCH 5

Omaha Stake Center
7:00 pm

PRE-FSY ACTIVITY MARCH 8

Omaha Stake Center
3 pm

SYLC MARCH 16

Omaha Stake Center
3 pm

MULTI- STAKE DANCE APRIL 12TH

Omaha Stake Center
6:00 - 9:00 PM
Ages 14+

MISSION PREP SUNDAYS

Omaha Stake Center
4 pm

LOOK UNTO CHRIST DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS 6:36



SUMMER CAMP DATESStake YM Summer Camp 2025

May 28 - 31 at Camp Eagle

Stake YM High Adventure

July 15-19th

Stake YW Summer Camp 2025

June 3 - 7, 2025

June 3 YCL's only

June 4 - 7 All YW

FSY DATES**Summer 2025**

For Youth turning 14+

1st Session:

Lincoln June 16-21

2nd Session:

Lincoln June 23-28

yw CAMP

CALLING all young women turning 12 this year through rising seniors! You are invited to attend the splash...ie. Young Women Camp Kickoff 2025! You were born to change the world! Come find out how!

Where: Omaha Stake Center

When: Wednesday, March 5, 2025

What time: 7-8:15

Please enter through the main doors to the stake center, (nowhere else!)

Parent/Guardian of the young women, please come as well. We will have waivers and registration forms available and a special meeting about camp for you.

Please register today at omahastakekeywcamp.com. Registration closes on April 15.

REMINDER



Parents, please take your children to the bathroom prior to primary to minimize interruptions and for their safety.

Save the Date!

PRIMARY LEADERSHIP TRAINING

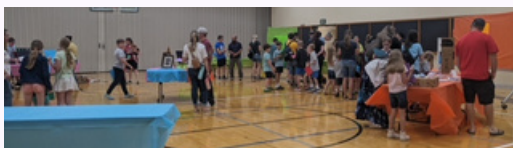
for all primary presidencies

Friday, April 11th @
7:00 PM

Hey, parents and leaders of primary activity age children,
we are doing it again!

2ND ANNUAL GOAL SHOWCASE

coming to you in the Fall of 2025!



We had such a great response to the goal showcase this year that we are gearing up for another amazing opportunity for the kids to show what they are capable of.

APRIL 25 - 27, 2025

GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY

APRIL 11TH - MAY 11TH IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

GYSD reaches millions of youth from 100 countries to serve in their communities. Each year the church supports YSA (Youth Service America) as it encourages youth to serve. Here's a GYSD link if you would like more information on this special day:

[37th Annual Global Youth Service Day -- April 25-27, 2025 | Youth Service America](#)

JUSTSERVE.ORG PROJECTS

FOR YOUTH



Hitchcock Trail Stewards

We are looking for volunteers either as a group or individuals to come out and help us work on trail reconstruction, grading, clearing trees and brush. Click [here](#) for more details.



Operation Gratitude - Paracord Lanyard

*REMOTE SERVICE
OPPORTUNITY*
Craft a paracord lanyard, instructions provided. We ask that you use the "zipper" stitch for your lanyards. For more details, click [here](#).



Game Day

Host Game Day Activity. Escort residents to/from activity. For more details, click [here](#).



efysakc
Kansas City, Missouri

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Liked by rebeccamcmorgan and 39 others

efysakc GET EXCITED!! 🥳 We have the dates for the 2025 Kansas City EFYSA. Put it in your calendars now 📅 and watch for more info to come! 🎉 #efysakc #thinkcelestial

January 16

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

March 2nd: Fireside TBA

March 8th: Pay for Yourself Activity, TBA

March 10th: Come Follow Me, 7pm, 11027 Martha Street, Omaha, NE

March 22nd: Activity TBD

March 25th: Come Follow Me, 7pm (Pam), 11027 Martha Street, Omaha, NE

April 5 & 6: General Conference, Gather at Missy's house if interested

April 12: Pay for yourself activity, TBA

April 14: Come Follow Me, 7pm, (Missy), 11027 Martha Street, Omaha, NE

April 26: Activity TBA

April 28: Come Follow Me, 7pm, (Pam), 11027 Martha Street, Omaha, NE





April 4 - April 25, 2025

Open Saturdays and Sundays
12:00 pm - 5:00 PM or
by appointment

Located at the Mormon Trail
Center at Winter Quarters

See www.easterart.org for
more information

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD

**Middle School
Track Sports
Team**

Join us for the FUN

What to Expect:

- Twice a week practice offered
- 6 Track Meets in OMAHA
- Official times for High School!!
- Fun social experience for Middle school aged athletes
- Season Mid March- May 5

**For more information & registering
message Coach Poyer at 402-547-1519!**

I wanted to make you aware of a cool opportunity we have to put together a church middle school track team to participate in the Omaha PAL league.

There are 21 teams that participate in the league and almost 1000 kids! It is a really cool experience and opportunity. The league is sanctioned so you can qualify for state in various events. All scores and times are kept on Athletic.net and BlackSquirrel.

Events include: sprints, hurdles, relays, and various field sports.

Because of the way meets work and how much time they could take, I would propose organizing a boys team and a girls team. Practice 2x per week.

The dates of the meets are as follows:

- 3/29
- 4/5
- 4/12
- 4/15 - 4/16
- 4/26
- 5/3
- *5/10 is state meet
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Please let me (jwpoyer@gmail.com) know if you or anyone that you know might be interested. Costs are dependent on the number of participants but anticipate something between \$30-\$60.

Happy to answer any questions that you might have. Practice most likely will begin the week of 3/10.

Jon Poyer (Eagle Run Ward)

MISSIONARIES SERVING FROM OUR STAKE



Elder D. Clark (Bennington) Pretoria S Africa
 Elder S. Jensen (Blair) Portland Oregon
 Elder K. Hansen (Blair) London England
 Elder T. Hyde (Columbus) Argentina Buenos
 Elder & Sister Card (Columbus) Vanuatu Port Vila
 Elder and Sister King (Eagle Run) Columbia, SC
 Sister S. Jacobson (Elkhorn) Modesto CA
 Elder J. Spencer (Elkhorn) Santa Fe Argentina
 Elder L. Bailey (Elkhorn) Arcadia CA
 Sister E. Miller (Elkhorn) Riverside CA
 Elder C. Eichman (Old Mill) Alpine German

Sister H. Omer (Old Mill) Omaha NE
 Elder J. Blad (Pac Rid) Lubbock TX
 Elder J. Haughwout (Pac Rid) Teresina Brazil
 Elder M. Blad (Pac Rid) Kennewick WA
 Sister E. Kennington (Elkhorn) Brazil Campinas
 Elder J. North (Old Mill) St George UT
 Elder S. Wang (Old Mill) Taipei Taiwan
 Elder B. Davis (Pac Rid) Denver CO
 Sister J. Hueffner (Pac Rid) Honolulu HI
 Elder K. McLeod (WQ) Layton UT

SENIOR SERVICE MISSIONARIES

The Omaha Stake currently has 13 members serving as Senior Missionaries in the area. They serve from 5-10 hours per week and live in their own homes. Assignments include working in the temple office and laundry and overseeing addiction recovery programs. Additional Omaha area senior service missionary opportunities include: Mission Office Support; Bishop's Storehouse Drivers, Managers and Home Storage Workers; Military Relations; Distribution Center Clerk; Family Services; and Temple Grounds Keepers. Please let your bishops know if you have an interest or availability to serve. If you have desires, you are called to the work.

OMAHA NEBRASKA STAKE MISSIONARY WORK

The Lord is hastening His work of gathering in the Omaha Mission as 74 individuals received the ordinance of baptism in January. The following 11 individuals were baptized and confirmed members of the church in the Omaha Stake in January and we welcome them with open arms and hearts:

Janie - Bennington Ward

Yolanda, Mario, Yusleydis, and Yaslian - Columbus Branch

Estelle - Elkhorn Ward

Daniel - Fremont Ward

Melea - Pacific Ridges Ward

Jose, Elias and Daniel - Winter Quarters YSA



Areas of Emphasis

- Lessons Taught with Members - Half of missionary lessons should include member participation
- New Member Lessons - Stive to have a member (ministering brother/sister) at each lesson
- Attendance at Missionary Correlation Meeting All organizations represented every week
- Recent Converts to Temple - Help all new converts get to the temple within a week of their baptism
- Recent Converts to Church - Help each convert to attend Sacrament and 2nd hour meetings

Ward Mission Plans

- Each Ward Council is finalizing ward mission plans. The ward mission plans should include specific goals considering the following areas. The ward mission plan should remind us to invite others to "Join Him."

The Work of Gathering

- Supporting new/returning members
- Supporting the ward missionaries and who they are teaching
- Helping everyone feel welcomed in ward meetings
- Helping ward members find ways to serve and do missionary work

STAKE TEMPLE & FAMILY HISTORY MESSAGE

RootsTech 2025 will be held Thursday, March 6 to Saturday, March 8. Online registration is free. Please consider how you can share this opportunity with others. Is there a neighbor or member of your ward family who may not be familiar with the event? Many share a natural interest in family history, making an invitation to participate in RootsTech an easy one to extend.



Elder Quentin L. Cook has taught that “family history is a family affair”. Consider ways that you can use RootsTech to strengthen family connections within your own home and beyond. Write down the names of a few family members that you would like to share a family history experience with. Then review the list of RootsTech sessions and identify one that may be of mutual interest. Invite your loved one to watch it “with” you, whether that is in your home or simply through a shared, virtual appointment. Make a plan to call them afterward and discuss what you learned, share a family story, or discuss how family history can strengthen your family.



Read More:

The Joy of Family History Work, by Elder Quentin L. Cook

Written by Creighton Omer
Family History Center Coordinator

ROOTSTECH 2025

We invite individuals and families to plan now to participate in RootsTech 2025 which will be held March 6-8. Online registration is free. Visit <https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/>. There is something for everyone! The following are just a few of the scores of possibilities:

- What's New at FamilySearch for Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- Family Discovery Day Live Session, featuring Elder Neil L. Andersen
- It's Your Story, presented by Scott and Angelle Anderson and John and Kimberly Bytheway

FAMILY SEARCH CENTER HOURS

Open every Tuesday
noon-2pm and 7pm-9pm,
or by special appointment

(402) 252-5131
Stake Center

Get free help from a
FamilySearch consultant, or
bring a friend!

TEMPLE RECOMMEND STAKE INTERVIEWS



David Robles

Please find David's phone number in the LDS tools app. David schedules appointments for members of the Old Mill, Pacific Ridges, Eagle Run, and YSA Wards

Matthew Nielsen

Please find Matthew's phone number in the LDS tools app. Matt schedules appointments for members of the Bennington, Blair, Columbus, Elkhorn, and Fremont Wards



New Focus for Our Historical Pioneer Research Group Website

We are excited to announce a transformative shift in the focus of the Historical Pioneer Research Group's website. For years, our dedication has been to uncovering and documenting the rich history of the early Latter-day Saint pioneers and the diverse cultures that preceded them in the Council Bluffs, Omaha area. Now, our mission is evolving to bring these captivating stories to life through the art of storytelling.

A New Chapter in Storytelling

Our aim is to transform our extensive collection of historical documents into vibrant narratives that capture the essence of the pioneer experience. By using innovative technology and creative methods, we are determined to make history accessible and engaging for everyone.

Explore Our New Projects

To better serve our mission, we are launching four dynamic projects designed to immerse you in the world of the pioneers:

1. Their Stories Come Alive

- **Sojourn in the Wilderness:** With the use of AI, early Saints narrate their own stories, providing a personal perspective on their trials and triumphs and the communities in which they lived.

2. The Spirit of Place

- **Crossroads to the West:** Utilize Google Earth technology to explore the significant locations of pioneer history. Experience guided tours with interactive pop-ups, audio recordings, and videos that enrich your understanding of these historic sites.

3. Pioneer Families at the Missouri River

- **The Early Latter-day Saints and Winter Quarters Databases:** Delve into genealogical records, settlement locations, and historical data on the causes of death among the Saints.

4. Treasures of Stories Found

- **The Gail G Holmes Kindex Archive:** Discover over 50 years of research transcribed from written documents, articles, and voice recordings. Experience the depth of history as collected by Gail G Holmes.

Stay Tuned for More

As we embark on this new journey, we invite you to join us in exploring the rich tapestry of pioneer history through our updated website. Stay tuned for monthly updates as we continue to develop and refine our storytelling approach, bringing history to life like never before.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm. Together, we will honor the legacy of the pioneers and share their stories with the world.